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From: Kondreck, Robert [kondreck.robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/25/2023 6:04:24 PM
To: Falconio, Tony [Tony.Falconio@Illinois.gov]
CC: Ruesch, Paul [ruesch.paul@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Carus warehouse

Tony,

Got a few e-mails from Brent this morning related to that warehouse. Since its coming from Brent I was planning on responding. As far as I know the chemicals in that warehouse are listed on the TRI. I just don't know if it needs to be its own facility or not. When I look in TRI/ECHO Database the only Carus facility that is listed is the main chemical plant. Do you have anyone that could answer if, based on a desktop review, they are allowed to store product in this location?

I'm also asking the EPA EPCRA folks but I don't have a repour with them so I'm not sure the info that I'll get.

Thanks,
Rob

From: Brent Bader <b.bader@lasalle-il.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 9:42 AM
To: Kondreck, Robert <kondreck.robert@epa.gov>; Ruesch, Paul <ruesch.paul@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Carus warehouse

Hello all,

We asked Carus Chemical if any chemicals were stored in the building behind the neighborhood north of Porter and East of Zinc and were told there were not. They asked for additional police presence following our City Council meeting and that officer, as well as Mr. Hicks, noticed they were storing chemicals in there. It sounds like Potassium Permanganate as well as other raw materials.

While Mr. Hicks is the most vocal, I have spoken to other neighbors in the community that have expressed dissatisfaction and believe the chemicals are not properly marked or secured, we were told they are "dummy locked." He claims this, and other issues, are EPA violations and I will be sending his emails over for review.

We also received one written question regarding the material as well which I will share.

I appreciate your continued attention and support to the neighborhood's concerns.

Thanks,

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From: Jamie Hicks <jmhicksz79@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 7:39 PM

To: Brent Bader <b.bader@lasalle-il.gov>

Subject: Carus warehouse

Brent,

I am really concerned with this lie they told you and the city. How is there not a law being broken with Carus Chemical storing potassium permanganate without a company name, without the proper placards on the building and without our fire chief knowing what is in that building? There has to be something they are doing that's illegal, and we're just gonna let them move how many tons of the product out of that building without repercussions? My family and I are shocked that this is going on, but not surprised. WE don't trust carus in less than 24 hours they lied to you too, "storing parts" then got caught by officer Zebron with that PP. I hope you do not try to hide this information from the public. EPA has failed us as well. As you know the gentleman I was supposed to meet with today from the EPA, canceled this morning and has yet to reschedule a date and time. This is just one more jab at us. Please let me know what is going to come of this and that something is going to be done about this. This is a huge issue and cannot be ignored or swept under the rug. I appreciate your effort and your open communication with me.

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Jamie Hicks